

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 895

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Dale Lynch, upon his exemplary service as Hamblen County Director of Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dale Lynch is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, marking his eighteenth year as an educator, Dr. Lynch has provided dedicated leadership and astute guidance to the Hamblen County Department of Education as the Director of Schools since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch was recently named as one of "20 to Watch" by the National School Boards Association's Technology Leadership Network as a Leader Advancing Education Technology in recognition of his use of technology to advance student achievement; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious recognition was rightfully earned through Dr. Lynch's outstanding leadership, which has seen Hamblen County become a part of the first P-20 mobilized consortium in the nation and a leader in moving Tennessee to provide e-books. iPhones and iPads provide administrators with real-time feedback and the recent hardware refresh for each classroom was supported by job embedded professional development from technology coaches to ensure its seamless integration; and

WHEREAS, in Hamblen County, ESL students and those with disabilities use iPads and Smart Tables to support learning while classes in video-production and app development remain popular; a parent portal offers a range of services and the board room is paperless. From sound amplification to video-conferencing, technology innovation reaches across the district and into the community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gate City High School in Gate City, Virginia, Dr. Lynch received a bachelor's degree from Milligan College in 1987, obtained his Master of Education degree at East Tennessee State University in 1992, and completed his Doctorate of Education at East Tennessee State University in 1997; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current position he served as Director of Schools for Elizabethton City Schools from 2000 to 2001, Assistant Director of Schools, Supervisor of Instruction for Elizabethton City Schools from 1995 to 2000, Assistant Principal of Jonesborough Middle School for Washington County Schools from 1994 to 1995, and served a Residency for his Doctoral Program at Dobyne Bennett High School and Sulpher Springs Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of his profession, Dr. Lynch is a member of a number of education groups and associations, including the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the First District Supervisors Study Council, the Tennessee Curriculum Supervision Organization, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the American Association of School Administrators, the Upper East Tennessee Educational Cooperative Executive Committee, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, the East Tennessee Superintendents Study Council, the Tennessee Association of School Supervisors and the East Tennessee State University Student Teacher Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of Buffalo Trail Baptist Church, Dr. Lynch lends his time and talents to a number of community organizations and agencies, including the Kiwanis Club, United Way, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Morristown Chamber of Commerce, Hamblen County Health Council, and the Red Cross to name but a very few; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dale Lynch is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate Hamblen County's students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dale Lynch truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Dale Lynch upon his exemplary tenure as Hamblen County Director of Schools, salute his years of exceptional service to the children of Hamblen County and Tennessee, recognize his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.